Hello! I hope everyone is having a fun and productive summer. The ASA meetings are just around the corner!

Our section has some exciting things going on at the meetings this year. New this year, we will be holding a joint reception with the Environment and Technology section as well as a special panel discussion devoted to the intersections between environmental sociology and animals and society.

In addition to the activities mentioned above, we have a section session devoted to social inequality and animals and there is a regular ASA session on Human-Animal Interaction. Information on all of these events is listed—in greater detail—elsewhere in this newsletter. We sincerely hope that you can make it to the meetings in New York this year and that you can attend these exciting events!

Congratulations to our award winners this year—Loredana Loy, David Grazian, David Nibert, and Linda Kalof. Our award winners will be formally acknowledged at the joint reception between our section and Environment and Technology. Congratulations also to our new office holders—Colter Ellis (chair-elect), Jennifer Sinski and Corey Wrenn (council).

Thanks to Loredana Loy for putting the newsletter together this time—she recently took over the job of newsletter editor from Justin Goodman. We appreciate Justin’s past service and look forward to many more outstanding newsletters from Loredana.

There is so much going on with regard to animals and society—both within ASA but also within society at large. I am excited to be a part of this section as we see greater interest in these issues and a change in how humans perceive and treat other animals.

I hope to see you all in New York!

Angela G. Mertig

Section Chair

PS

I hope you enjoy the photographs included in this issue. All photos courtesy of Jo-Anne McArthur. Details on the last page.
SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 8:30 to 10:10
“Inequality and Animals”

An Examination of Animal Service Officers’ Views on Their Readiness to Report Domestic Violence. Abigail Marie Malick (University of Central Florida).

Large or Small Knowledge: Boundaries and their Consequences for Veterinary Students within the Tracking System. Jenny Reese Vermilya (University of Colorado).

Are People More Disturbed by Animal or Human Suffering: The Influence of Species and Age. Jack Levin and Arnold Arluke (Northeastern University).


SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 10:30 to 11:30
“Animals and the Environment: Exploring Sociological Connections”

Panelists include Thomas Dietz (Michigan State University), Colin Jerolmack (NYU), Linda Kalof (Michigan State University), and David Nibert (Wittenberg University).

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 11:30-12:30
Section business meeting.
Follows directly after the session above!
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SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 8:30-10:10
“Human-Animal Interaction” (organized by Thomas Dietz)

Legitimation, Naturalization, and the Production of Human and Nonhuman Consent in Circus Discourse: Jessica Bell (Michigan State University).


Toward an Ontology of the Bee: Ethnography and Urban Beekeeping. Lisa Jean Moore and Mary Kosut (Purchase College, SUNY).

MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 6:30-8:30
Section reception—jointly hosted with the Environment and Technology section.

Reception featuring: section awards, vegan snacks, and a cash bar!
AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED SCHOLARSHIP


THE CLIFTON BRYANT ANIMALS AND SOCIETY COURSE AWARD
Linda Kalof (Michigan State University) – “Animals and Social Transformations.”

AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

Award winners will be formally recognized at the annual ASA meeting in New York during the joint reception with the Environment and Technology section on August 12.
NEW PUBLICATIONS


AWARDS

The Faculty Paper of the Year Award was awarded to Carol L. Glasser by the Institute of Critical Animal Studies for her paper "Opportunity Fields and Animal Rights: Is Corporate Incorporation a Route to Change?” The paper will be published in the forthcoming anthology, Animal Subjects 2.0, edited by Jodey Castricano and Lauren Corman. Wilfrid Laurier University Press. (In Press).


JJ at Farm Sanctuary.
OCTOBER 2-5, 2013, GIRONA, SPAIN
4th Iberian Primatological Conference.
For more information:
http://www.cip4girona.com/web/presentation/

OCTOBER 4, 2013, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY/NYU, NEW YORK CITY
Conference on Animal Studies.
For more information:
http://animalstudies.as.nyu.edu/object/asevent.20131004.asiconference

OCTOBER 4-5, 2013, MORELIA, MEXICO
“Animales en mente. Escuchar, entender, responder.”
For more information:
https://sites.google.com/site/proyectoceidbaumsnh/coloquioanimalesenmenteescucharentenderresponder

OCTOBER 23-24, 2013, UNIVERSITY OF VALENCIA, SPAIN
Congress on Animal Protection of the Association of Social Educators SPERA.
“Animal abuse and interpersonal violence.”
For more information:
http://www.coeescv.net/informacion/laboral/646-jornadas-spera-2013.html

NOVEMBER 7-8, 2013, CENTRO CULTURAL PLAZA SAN ANDRES, ALMORADI (ALICANTE)
The II International Congress on Juvenile Violence and Juvenile Offenders.
For more information:
http://praxisvegabaja.wix.com/congreso2013
(Section member Nuria Querol i Vinas will discuss preventing future aggression by looking at the early indicators of family violence).

NOVEMBER, DATES TBA, 2013, ATLANTA, GEORGIA
American Society of Criminology Meeting.
(Section member Nuria Querol i Vinas will discuss a new publication--Querol et al. “Preliminary results of the DOMPET study for shelters in Spain and Latin America,” and Querol et al. “Family violence and animal abuse in Spain.” No link to this conference was available at the time this newsletter was put together).
Andrea Button, Doctoral Candidate, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work at Kansas State University is in the data collection phase for her dissertation research. The focus of her research is on the experiences of individuals that helped to establish the information and policies on the animal-friendly programs that have been implemented in family violence shelters in the past few years. The points of interest for her study are (1) how these shelters initially dealt with this issue, (2) how they have evolved in their policies and programs to respond to this complex issue, and (3) why have individuals associated with victim protection and advocacy made the decision to take on the sheltering of animals in addition to their human companions? For more information contact Andrea at aljones@ksu.edu

NEW COURSES

University of Central Florida is offering its first undergraduate animals and society course in the sociology department this spring, 2014 entitled: Animals and Health (SYO 3408).

INTERVIEWS

Nicole Owens, Doctoral Student, Department of Sociology at the University of Central Florida was selected by the Animals and Society Institute for their May ASInterview: https://www.animalsandsociety.org/pages/asinterview-may-2013-nicole-owens

RESOURCES

Workshops for Sociologists, August 8-9, 2013, CUNY J-School, New York.

MediaCamp Workshops are skills-building sessions for intellectuals who want to combine research and digital media for the public good. These workshops are free for faculty, staff, and graduate students who seek to enrich their digital media skills.

The workshops include: Op-Ed Pieces and Pitches: Framing Research for Public Audiences, Twitter: Social Media Practicum, Blogging: Social Media Practicum--Smart Photos with Smart Phones, Data Visualization: Making Sense of the Numbers, Being interviewed on Camera: Big Media for Academics.

For more information and to register: http://justpublics365.commons.gc.cuny.edu/august-mediacamp-workshops/

Note: These workshops are now full, but there is a wait-list.

BackStory with the American History Guys, a podcast and national public radio program hosted by scholars Peter Onuf, Ed Ayers, and Brian Balogh, recently aired "Pet Friendly: A History of Domestic Animals."

The show, featuring Virginia DeJohn Anderson (University of Colorado, Boulder), Susan Pearson (Northwestern University), Sarah Hand Meacham (Virginia Commonwealth University), Amy Louise Wood (Illinois State University), and Doron Ben-Atar (Fordham University) can be found here: http://backstoryradio.org/shows/pet-friendly-2/, or in the iTunes podcast store by searching for "BackStory."

The series is looking for feedback from section members. For more information: www.backstoryradio.org or contact backstory@virginia.edu
Our ASA Animals and Society Facebook page membership has grown since January 2013 from 133 to 196 followers. Our Twitter account, which was born in January, now has more than 100 followers as well!

The top 10 most viewed stories on the section’s Facebook page (January-July 2013) are listed below, including the links to the articles on our Facebook page. If you haven’t joined our group yet, please use this opportunity to do so!

1. NBC News: Backyard chickens dumped at shelters when hipsters can’t cope, critics say (link)
2. New issue of *Sociological Theory* features article on human-animal interactions (link)
3. Activist being prosecuted for filming abuse of cow at slaughterhouse from a public street. 1st "ag gag" charge in history. (link)
4. New paper: Emotion work in animal rights activism (link)
5. Judge: Iowa State U. Must Shield 'Pink Slime' Data (link)
6. Judge rules that torturing and killing kittens and puppies for snuff films is protected by first amendment (link)
7. New issue of *Anthrozoos* is chock full of interesting new HAS research (link)
8. Less than 1 day after story broke, charges dropped against activist who filmed slaughterhouse (link)
9. NYT reviews John Gray’s new book Silence of Animals, which attacks the idea of human exceptionalism (link)
10. New in *Journal of Public Health Policy*: The need to include animal protection in public health policies (link)

Thanks to Justin Goodman, our section’s social media administrator for providing this list!
NEWLY ELECTED THIS YEAR

Colter Ellis (Sam Houston State University) – Chair-Elect
Corey Wrenn (Colorado State University) – Section council
Jennifer Sinski (University of Louisville) – Section council

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Special thanks to professional photographer and animal advocate Jo-Anne McArthur for allowing us to use her photographs in this edition of our newsletter.

To view her complete photo essays and to support the We Animals project please go to

http://www.weanimals.org

A “veal” calf.

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